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SUBJECT: QUDDUS ON THE US AND ARAB DISUNITY

1. IN NOVEMBER 24 EDITORIAL, AKHBAR'S IHSAN ABDEL QUDDUS ACKNOWLEDGES THAT ANY SOLUTION TO ME CONFLICT MUST BE SATISFACTORY TO US WITHOUT NECESSARILY BEING SATISFACTORY TO ISRAEL. HE STATES THAT ALL CURRENT MEETINGSSFOR IMPLEMENTATION OF CEASEFIRE AS WELL AS THOSE "POSSIBLE HAPPENINGS" DURING FORTHCOMING PEACE CONFERENCE ARE NOTHING BUT ONE ASPECT OF DIPLOMACY DESIGNED TO PRESERVE ISRAEL'S PERSONALITY: BUT IN THE END IT IS THE DECISION OF THE US WHICH WILL PREVAIL.

2. QUDDUS THEN STATES THAT MOST POWERFUL WEAPON IN ARAB HANDS IS UNITY OF ARAB ACTION, PARTICULARLY THE USE OF THE OIL WEAPON. HE NOTES THAT US SEEKS A WEAK SPOT IN ARAB LINES, AND MAY HAVE FOUND IT IN IRAQ AND LIBYA. QUDDUS SHARPLY CRITICIZES IRAQ FOR REJECTING CEASEFIRE, WITHDRAWING HER FORCES FROM SYRIA WITHOUT APPRAISING MILITARY SITUATION, AND REFUSING TO
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ATTEND ARAB SUMMIT.

3. HE THEN FOCUSES ON LIBYA. QADHAAFI, HE STATES, HAS MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANYONE TO COUNT ON HIM. HE KNEW OF EGYPTIAN WAR PLANS, BUT THEN MADE STATEMENTS THAT ARABS WOULD LOSE AND THAT WAR HAD BEEN A SURPRISE. WHEN CEASEFIRE WAS DECLARED QADHAAFI REJECTED IT AND PROCEEDED TO RELEASE AN "OPEN LETTER" TO SADAT ON TRIPOLI RADIO AND IN BEIRUT PRESS: HE THEN ISSUED ORDERS TO LIBYAN RCC TO IGNORE IT. QUDDUS STATES IT IS THIS KIND OF INCONSISTENCY AND WEAKNESS WHICH US CAN EXPLOIT.

4. COMMENT: IN ITS DIRECT CRITICISM OF QADHAAFI BY NAME ARTICLES UNDERSCORES NEW LOW TO WHICH EGYPTIAN/LIBYAN RELATIONSHIP HAS FALLEN. ARTICLE IS ALSO NOTEWORTHY IN STATING THAT CURRENT CEASEFIRE TALKS AND PEACE CONFERENCE ARE OF RELATIVELY LITTLE IMPORTANCE TO OUTCOME OF SETTLEMENT DIPLOMACY.
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